

Yards should slope away from the home as much as practical. Properties that do not slope away from the home more than 10' and have slopes flatter than 6" in 10' are increasing the risk for basement flooding. Grading should allow for runoff to flow around the home and the swales should be a sufficient distance away from the building openings. Yards that are (1) not capable of sloping towards the adjacent roadway should direct runoff to flat areas depressions or swales as far from yours and your neighbors foundation as possible. When adjacent properties, are draining towards your property, choose landscaping features that will redirect runoff to follow the property boundary. (2) Landscape walls and raised planters can be helpful options.

Property owners are allowed to grade their property such that runoff will drain over the surface away from their home and towards property boundaries. However, please understand that if this runoff, even flow rates that existed before the development, damages adjacent property the perpetrating property owner may be liable for damages in civil courts. The City recommends that grading designs prohibit runoff from reaching neighboring properties.



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